

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (currently amended): The thermal recording material according to claim 19, wherein at least one of the protective layer layers further comprises a surfactant.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The thermal recording material according to claim 19, wherein, in addition to the at least one of amide-denatured polyvinyl alcohol and diacetone-denatured polyvinyl alcohol, at least one of the protective layer layers further comprises at least one water-soluble polymer selected from the group consisting of denatured polyvinyl alcohols, starch, oxidized starch, urea-phosphorylated starch, styrene-maleic anhydride copolymers, alkyl esters of styrene-maleic anhydride copolymers, and styrene-acrylic acid copolymers.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The thermal recording material according to claim 19, wherein the protective ~~layer comprises~~ layers comprise a total thickness of from 0.5 μm to 3 μm .

Claim 6 (previously presented): The thermal recording material according to claim 19, wherein the at least one of amide-denatured polyvinyl alcohol and diacetone-denatured polyvinyl alcohol is crosslinked by a crosslinking agent.

Claim 7 (original): The thermal recording material according to claim 6, wherein the crosslinking agent comprises a content amount of from 2 to 40 % by weight relative to the at least one of amide-denatured polyvinyl alcohol and diacetone-denatured polyvinyl alcohol.

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